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             Assassinate Soviet Minister in Tirana; Arrest  
             of Tuk Jakova

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1. In connection with the rumored attempt to assassinate members of the Hoxha Government as reported in [REDACTED], information dated 20 March 1951 states that the attempt was made against the Soviet Minister in Tirana, who escaped injury. Following this incident, 30 persons were shot and many arrested. The arrests are continuing and it is believed that many more will take place both in the towns and in the mountains. Further details were reported unavailable because of severe security measures. All arms are to be turned in by 10 April 1951. Contravention of these orders will result in severe repressive measures.
2. Reports of 22 March 1951, believed reliable, state that Enver Hoxha and Vice-Premier Tuk Jakova are at odds and that Jakova was imprisoned on or about 12 March 1951. It is not known whether Jakova's arrest is connected with the attempt on the Soviet Minister.
3. According to an official Italian source, on the basis of statements made by Italian repatriates who arrived from Albania on 13 March 1951, the belief is current in Albania that the assassination attempt was a ruse on the part of the Soviets to justify severe repressive measures and to strengthen direct Soviet control. According to these repatriates, the only persons killed by the bomb explosion were minor officials (nationality not stated).
4. Information dated 29 March 1951 states that the arrest of Jakova is certain even though it has been kept a secret by the Government. By 5 April 1951 all Party members are reportedly to be called to their respective Party centers for discussion of the situation created by the bombing of the Legation and Jakova's arrest.

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5. In contradiction to reports of Jakova's imprisonment, Radio Tirana stated on 29 March 1951 that Tuk Jakova visited Durres on that date to welcome the shipment of 10,000 tons\* of grain arriving from the USSR aboard the SS NIKOLAYEV.

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Because these figures appear excessive, it is not clear whether they represent an anticipated total shipment or whether possibly 1,000 tons is meant.

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